

# SRI DATTATREYA VAJRAKAVACHAM

(Dattatreya's Diamond Armour)

(SUMMARY – ENGLISH VERSION)



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***Dedicated to our beloved Father,  
Late Sri Nandivelugu Venkata Subba Rao***

## ABSTRACT

**S**ri *Dattatreya Vajarakavacham* (The Diamond Armour of Dattatreya) was depicted by Lord Dattatreya Himself to Sage Daladana of yore. He proclaimed that by chanting the spiritual texts of Sri Dattatreya Vajarakavacham, one shall be blessed with long life, good health, wealth prosperity and eventually attains liberation. I am blessed to translate this holy book from Telugu to English language such that the glory of this book is spread across all the nations. My gratitude to my Guru Dattatreya is never ending as He has chosen me for this divine task. Hail to the Guru who is inherent in all the beings in the form of consciousness. He is the nectar hidden in the lotus flower and the honeybee that collects the nectar is also His form. He has embellished himself with the ornaments of love and compassion towards His devotees. Lord Dattatreya's two eyes are the Sun and the mystical Moon that rule the whole world incessantly with the rays of divine love spread in the dawn and in the dusk. His traits cannot be perceived by a heart filled with dubiousness, rather a heart filled with love and veneration towards Lord can know His traits.

Let the readers of this book flourish in their lives, live a long life filled with happiness and prosperity, enjoy the pleasures on this physical plane and eventually attain liberation. My gratitude to all the readers of this divine book. Let Lord Dattatreya fulfil all your wishes and provide you with *Atma gyan*.

I humbly request you to please forgive me if any mistakes are encountered in the book.

**Jai Guru Datta!**

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Yours,

*Nagashirisha Venkat*

## Gratitude Page



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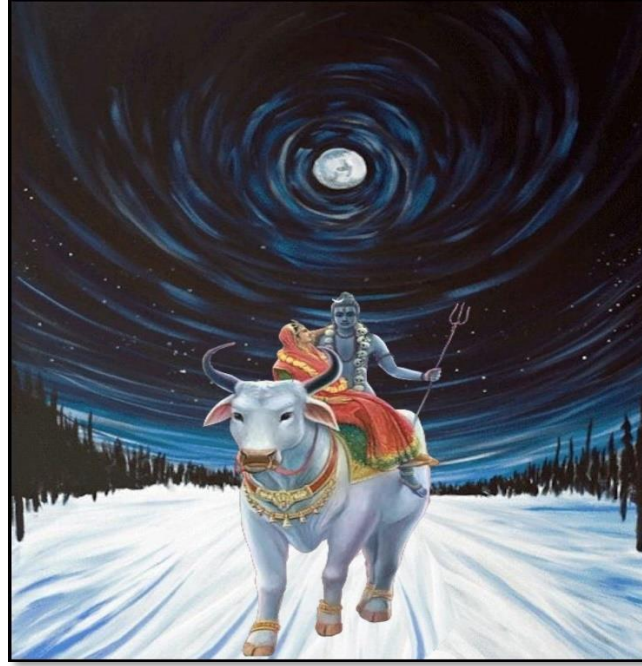
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## Sri Dattatreya Vajrakavacham

In the days of yore, the hermits once asked sage Vedavyasa “Sage Vedavyasa, we wish to know the best way to fulfil our wishes and to follow the four *puruṣārthas* such as **Dharma** (righteousness, moral values), **Artha** (prosperity, economic values), **Kama** (pleasure, love, psychological values) and **Moksha** (liberation, spiritual values, self-actualization) in the kali epoch.

Vedavyasa thus replied “dear sages, I shall elucidate the one that helps in fulfilling all your wishes, provides with all the pleasures of life and then helps in attaining liberation. Please listen to it attentively.



Lord Shiva was seated on a jewelled throne on the hilltop of Snow Mountain called Kailasa which was surrounded by various divine trees such as kalpavriksha (the wish fulfilling tree). Mother Parvathi asked the lord “Mahadeva! I have been listening to various mantras and tantras through you, now I wish to see something that is more auspicious than them”.

Lord Shiva gently caressed Goddess Parvathi and said, “Let us climb the Nandi (divine vehicle of lord Shiva) and see the glimpses of earth”.



So saying, they climbed Nandi and travelled through the earth and halted at a forest in Vindhyaachal mountains. They saw a Bheel (hill people of west central India having a bow-and-arrow culture) who was carrying an axe and was wandering in the forest to collect firewood. His body was robust like a diamond. In the meanwhile, a tiger came from nowhere and tried to kill him. But astonishingly the Bheel did not attempt to escape from the cruel tiger besides he was neither frightened nor sorrowful but was standing still without any fear.

Simultaneously a deer came running, by seeing which the tiger got frightened and ran away hastily. By witnessing this queer situation, Mother Parvathi said, “look at that Bheel Lord, isn’t it surprising that he is without any fear even after seeing a tiger?” Lord acknowledged thus “Parvathi, there is nothing that I cannot see and perceive in this universe, I can see even the minute things. I shall reveal about Bheel to you. His name is Durashrava, he is a pious man.

Every day he goes to the forest and gathers firewood, flowers, yam, fruits, and other vegetables and gives them to the hermits who stay in the forest. He does not expect anything from them in return. Even the sages are fond of Durashrava and compassionate towards him.

A sage by name Daladana also lives in an ashram in the same forest. To confirm whether Lord Dattatreya is a Smarthrugami (appears to the one who remembers him whole heartedly) or not, he remembered Him. Instantly Lord appeared. The sage was flabbergasted by seeing Dattatreya swami and said –

“Lord, I wanted to assess whether you are a Smarthrugami or not hence I remembered you. Please forgive my nescience. Lord Dattatreya replied thus “if someone remembers me out of devotion or without any devotion, I shall reach them to fulfil their wishes. This is my nature. Since you were longing to see me, I have appeared before you. You can ask for any wish and it shall be granted”.



The sage said “O’ munipungava (noble person)! I shall not ask for any, please provide me with the one that is appropriate to me as per your choice”.

Sri Dattatreya informed “I shall grant you with my ‘Vajrakavacham’ (the diamond armour) please accept it”.

The sage accepted it gleefully. “I bow to Lord Dattatreya who is the root of the entire universe, filled with everlasting bliss, a yogi and Paramatma.

Sometimes He appears to be a yogi, sometimes as a bhogi (one who enjoys the pleasures of life), digambara (unclad) and as a ghost. He is the Vishnu and provider of pleasures as well as liberation.



Lord Dattareya takes bath in Kasi every day, does japa (Continuous recitation of mantra) in Kolhapur, accepts alms in Mahuripura and sleeps at Sahyadri mountains.

His structure resembles Indraneelamani (gemstone), His luminosity is like the rays of full moon, His tuft oscillates rhythmically and shines bright like diamonds.

His eyes are pristine filled with love and compassion towards the entire creation, they are bluish in color. His eyeballs, hair on chest, chin and moustache are black in color.

His smile is cooler than the mist, elegant throat with robust shoulders. Long hands with fingers that are delicate than the tender leaves.

He has a broad chest, pink hands with transparent tummy. He is handsome with broad hips and pelvic region.

Lord Dattatreya's thighs are like Banana's stalk with elegant knees and calf of legs. His ankles resemble a tortoise's feet, and his feet are tender and pinkish in colour like a lotus flower. He wears a tiger's hide and whoever remembers Him lovingly, reaches them instantly.

He is enthusiastic about preaching the spiritual wisdom, His nature is to protect His devotees from all the obstacles. He sits in sidhasana (Siddha, which means perfect and asana, meaning pose) with a beaming smile.

Dattatreya's left hand has Varadamudra (It is represented by the palm held outward, with the fingers outstretched and pointing downwards), while right hand has Abhayamudra (gesture of fearlessness). He appears to be with kids, ghosts, and mentally retarded people.



He is an altruist, Mahayogi (great yogi), ever blissful, devoid of sins, he is all pervading, wish fulfiller and sarvagami (Omnipresent).

He applies sacred fragrant ashes to his entire body, demolishes greatest sins, and undoubtedly, He provides liberation as well as pleasures in the physical plane”.

Lord Dattatreya says “meditate on me and read my vajra kavacham without any thoughts. See me everywhere and travel along with me”.

“Dattatreya is a Digambara who applies fragrant sacred ashes to his body, holds the divine disc (Chakra), trident (trishul), power drum (dhamaru) and gada (divine weapon). He sits in Padmasana posture and all the yogis, hermits chant his name as “Datta”.

Let Om Dattatreya be seated on the lotus of Sahasrara (Crown) chakra and protect my head. Let the son of Mother Anasuya protect my forehead by being there.

Let the supreme of the mental body turn into a lotus of two petals with the syllables such Hum, Ksham and protect my chin. The form of light, please guard my eyes, the form of sound please protect my ears.

The form of fragrance, please protect my nose, the form of liquid please protect my mouth, the form of vedas please safeguard my tongue, the form of righteousness please protect my teeth and lips.

Let the son of sage Atri fortify my cheeks, let the embodiment of ultimate truth, protect my entire face, let the form of entire universe, form of my soul be seated on a sixteen petalled lotus and guard my throat.

The brother of Moon god please protect my shoulders and head. The one who was the first ever born in Kruta epoch, please protect my two shoulders.

The one who defeats the antagonists, please protect my collar bones, let Hari protect my chest. Lord! please be seated on a twelve petalled lotus in my heart and kindly protect it.

The weaponed soldier please protect my belly, let the one who is seated on the ten-petalled lotus in my navel, kindly protect it!

A yogi who is in the form of fire, kindly protect my Manipuraka chakra (Solar Plexus), you are Vasudeva residing in my Pelvis, please protect my pelvis!

The one who is responsible for the blooming of a thousand petalled lotus, the form of liquid, please protect my Swadishtana Chakra (Sacral Chakra)!

Let the Siddeshwara protect my thighs! The one who makes the four petalled lotus to bloom, the form of earth, please protect my Mooladhara Chakra (Ground Chakra)!

Let the Avadhoota (God's Messenger) protect the calf of my legs. let Keshava protect my hair! the one who wears the hide of animals, please protect my skin!

The lover of devotees please protect my blood! The form of flesh, please protect my flesh!

The form of marrow, please protect my marrow! The one who is sinless, please protect my properties!

Let the pious one fortify my intellect! Let the one who gives pleasures, safeguard my sperm (Women can change it to eggs). The one with powerful personality guard my mind!

Let Eesha protect my Karmendriyas (The organs of action such as Vāk – speech, Pāṇi – hands, Pāda – feet, Pāyu - excretory organ and Upastha - organ of reproduction) the one who is birthless, please protect my Jnanendriyas (Ears (shotra), Eyes (chakshu), Nose (grahnu), Tongue (jivha) and Skin (tvak)).

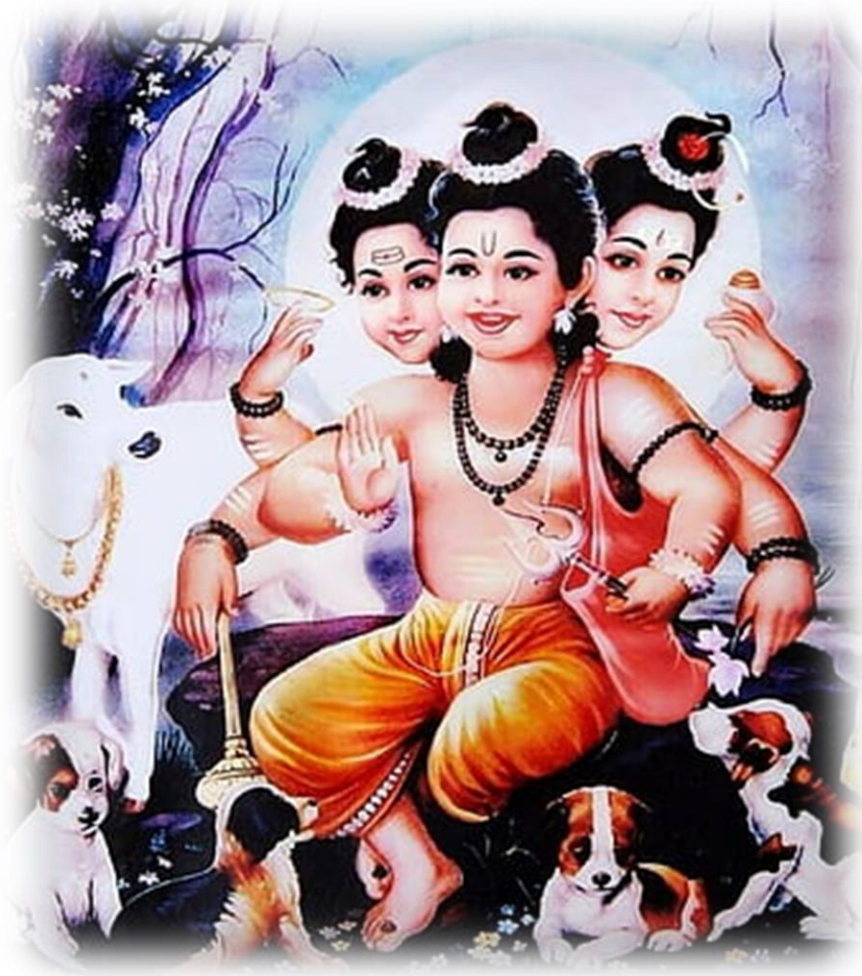
The pious one amongst all my relatives, please protect my relatives! The defeater of enemies please protect me from the foes!

Shankara please protect my house, fields, assets, and my children, the one who knows about the nature, please protect my wife (Women can change it to husband)!

Let Sharangabhrathu (Lord Vishnu) protect my cattle! Let the Supreme master safeguard my life force!

Let the form of Moon, protect my pleasures. Let Puranthaka (Lord Shiva) protect me from all the miseries.





Pashupathi (Lord of all animals), please protect my cattle!  
Bhuteshwara (Lord Shiva is the Lord of elements) please protect my prosperity!

The annihilator of virulence should protect the East direction! The form of Yajnas should protect the Ajneyamoola (south-east direction, fire God is the in charge of this direction).

The form of Dharma (Righteousness) should protect the Southern direction. The slayer of foes, please guard the Southwest direction!

Varaha (The form of Boar) should protect the West direction, the one who gives life force to all the beings should protect Vayuvumoola (North-West direction).

Dhanada (Affluent person) should protect the North direction! The great Guru should protect the (Ishanya) North-East direction.

The Mahasiddha (The great perfect one) should protect the Vertical direction! Jatadhara (Lord Shiva) should protect the horizontal direction.

Adi Munishwar (Lord of sages) should protect all the directions that are devoid of protection!”. “I, Dattatreya Affirm that by reading/listening to this Dattatreya VajaraKavacham, one shall become as strong as a diamond. He would be transmuted into a Yogi, devoid of dualities, enjoys the pleasures on earthly plane, eventually gets liberated and lives ever in the present moment”.

Later Lord Dattatreya disappeared and sage Daladana got liberated by doing the japa (meditative repetition of a mantra or a divine name) of Dattatreya Vajrakavacham.

The Bheel named Dhurashrava (People of India having a bow-and-arrow culture) happened to listen to the entire conversation that happened between Dattatreya and Sage Daladana. Hence his body was transformed into a robust body.

After listening to Lord Shiva, Mother Parvathi asked “Lord! Please proclaim who can read this Dattatreya VajaraKavacham, where can we chant it and how many times should we have chant it, what are the benefits of chanting it?”.

Lord Shiva thus replied “this is the source for attaining Dharmarthakamamoksha, it shall provide livestock, vehicles and all the prosperity.

It can be chanted to beget an offspring, happiness, and knowledge about vedas, various sciences and music as well.

It can provide intellect, education, grasping power, purity of mind and awareness. All kinds of happiness can be attained by reading this.





It shall eradicate all the sorrows, destroy the adversaries, and provide health, wealth as well as reputation.

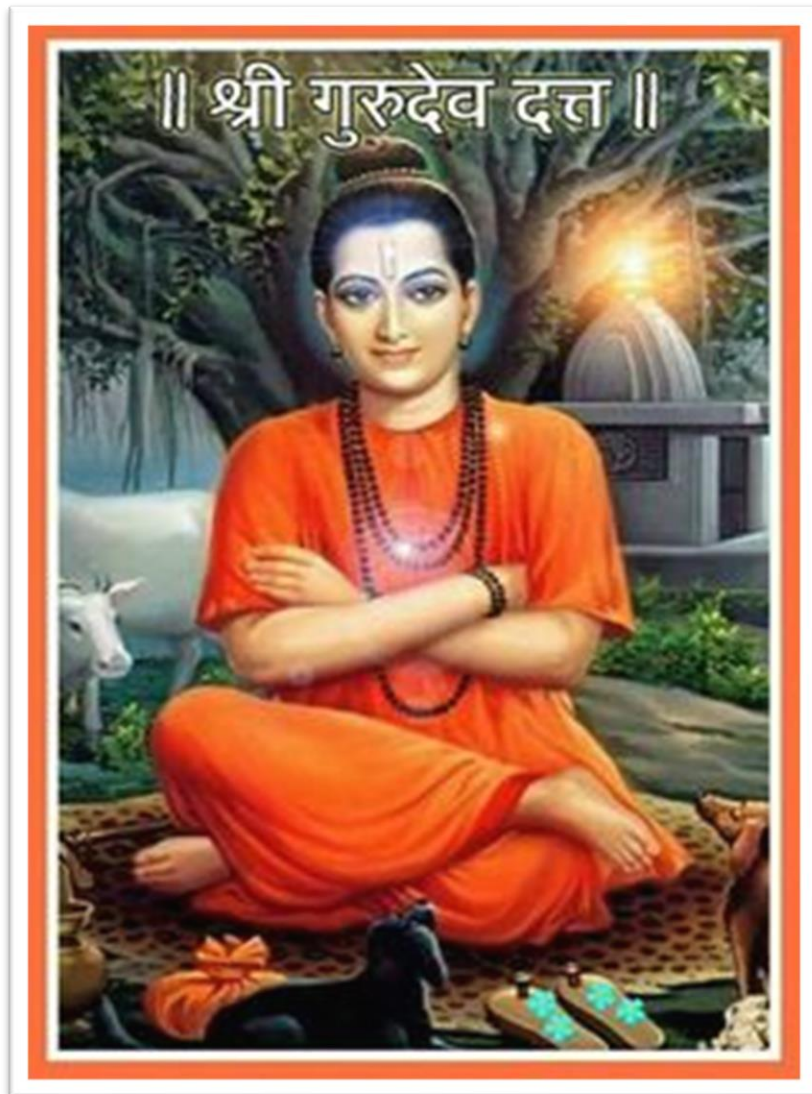
By chanting this precious spiritual text, eight kinds of chronic ailments, ninety-six illnesses related to eyes, twenty illnesses related to mind, eighteen types of leprosy, tuberculosis, sicknesses created due to black magic, ghosts, ailments formed due to nine planets, sins and all other diseases shall be exterminated.

To beget an offspring chant it for 10,000 times, by chanting for 20,000 times, the fear of death is annulled.

By chanting for 30,000 times one can roam around the whole world, by chanting it for one crore times all the wishes are fulfilled.

By chanting for one lakh times, one can succeed in all the tasks. By chanting for one month by sitting under the shade of *Strychnos nux-vomica* plant in the southern direction, an enemy would transform into a friend. Those who expect progress should chant it under the cluster fig tree (Audumbara).

To be blessed with wealth, sit under an Aegle marmelos (Bilva) tree, for peace sit under a tamarind tree and do the chanting. To gain power sit under the shade of a peepul tree, to be blessed with married life, sit under a sweet mango tree, to gain knowledge sit under a basil plant and to beget offspring sit in the middle of the house and do the chanting.



Those who aspire for money, do the chanting in pilgrimage places, for obtaining cattle, chant it in a cowshed, and to fulfil all the wishes chant it in the temples.

By standing in the waters and chanting it for thousand times seeing the sun god, victory in the war is attained, or in any other competitions related to shastras.

By chanting Dattatreya Vajrakavacham in the night standing in the waters, diseases like fever, leprosy are eradicated.

This way, Lord Shiva delineated the secrets of Sri “Dattatreya Vajrakavacham” to Mother Parvathi. The one who reads it becomes equal to Lord Dattatreya and prospers with good health, wealth and lives long life.

*Sarve jana sukhino bhavantu!*

*Sri Dattatreya anugraha praptirastu!*

